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09/531,016REMARKS

A telephone interview was held on May 12, 2004 with Examiner Thanh Vu and his supervisor Examiner Kristine Kincaid. Applicant is appreciative of the professional and courteous interview held with the Examiners. Changes have been made to the independent claims as discussed during the telephone interview. All claims are believed to be in allowable form. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the previous amendment and the remarks that follow.

SUMMARY

As a result of the interview, independent claims 33, 39, and 42 have been further amended.

According to the amended claims, the applicant believes none of the references, cited or applied, provide for the specific claimed details of applicant's presently claimed invention, nor renders them obvious. It is believed that this case is in condition for allowance and reconsideration thereof and early issuance is respectfully requested.

As this amendment has been timely filed within the set period of response, no petition for extension of time or associated fee is required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the fees provided to Deposit Account No. 09-0441.

If it is felt that an interview would expedite prosecution of this application, please do not hesitate to contact applicants' representative at the below number.

Respectfully submitted,



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